

January 10, 2022



The Dallas County Board of Supervisors met in regular session pursuant to board rules with Chairman Mark Hanson, Supervisor Kim Chapman and Supervisor Golightly were present. Others present: Rob Tietz – Operations Director, Beth Deardorff – Human Resources Director, Todd Noah – IS Director, and Tiffany Mitchell – Auditor's Office.

Item 1: Call to Order - Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Item 2: Approve Agenda - Motion by Chapman and seconded by Golightly to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Item 3: Budget Workshops

9:00 a.m. – Planning & Development

Murray McConnell

Wages: No changes expected in personnel. According to the pay plan, step increase for Employees with good reviews. No overtime budgeted.

Revenue: Projecting building permits with some increase. Dependent on building going on in the county. Permits in unincorporated area. Weather dependent. Inspections may see increase.

Expenses: No new software but a new laptop expected for one that has warranty expiring.

Future: Discussion of looking into updating the County's comprehensive land use plan.

Board recessed at 10:04 a.m.; reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – Recorder

Chad Airhart

Chairman Hanson read statement from the Recorder, who was not present.

Wages: Staff remains the same at this time. Employee receiving good review would see increase to step plan.

Revenue: There has been continual increase of recording of instruments with the growth of the County. Recorder was hesitant to increase this number too much with the current economy. DNR fees are also expected to rise this year.

Expenses: Most expenses are set by HR and internal services. The Recorder suggests to maintain the same amounts for supplies, mileage & training. There will be increase in postage. Professional services will see increases. Wanting to leave these expenses to help support the new Recorder.

Board recessed at 10:55 a.m.; reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

11:00 a.m. –Dallas County Attorney

Chuck Sinnard

Wages: Tentative wage increases have been agreed to with the Union. Asking for creation of a new position of assistant county attorney.

Revenue: Downgraded on collection of fines. Legislature did change some fine collection last year. Office processes are in a good position to reflect those changes.

Expenses: Not much changed. Requested increase on postage. Magazine/books due to increase in subscription cost. IT was budgeted for new position for equipment if new position is approved. Increase in paper usage and estimated increase in paper products for forms.

Future: New laptops will be needed in July.

Board recessed at 11:56 a.m.

Reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – EMS & Medical Examiner

Mike Thomason – EMS Director and Kristen Brady

Goals: Offer more community transport support and build them up.

Wages: Up 31%. Working with Beth on new schedules for better applicants. Moving to 12hr shifts vs 24hr shifts better work/life balance and retention. Coming out of union - decertified and going into our pay plan adds to the increase.

Revenue: Staying fairly steady. 3rd party payer for ambulance services will be less due to people without or lack of insurance and having to pay out of pocket. Kim Chapman was asking about changing our billing policies due to more private payers. Mike stated they are already looking at that.

Expenses: Up 8.6% compared to last year

Future: Vehicle repairs and training

Medical Examiner

Record amount of deaths. Polk County did autopsies and billed us an astronomical amount. Padded in case that happens and budgeted for 185 deaths. No Changes. May need to reconvene.

2:00 p.m. – Veteran’s Affairs

Nick Praska – Director of Veteran’s Affairs Don Richardson - Commissioner

Goals: Working on getting list up to date for grave markers for vets.

Wages: No change – part of the pay plan.

Revenue: No additional money waiting on legislative session.

Expenses: Fixed assets for 2 laptops and copier need replaced using carry over dollars. Lots of trainings have been postponed due to COVID

Future: May need to amend in the spring.

Board recessed at 2:53 p.m.; reconvened at 3:02 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Juvenile Court Services

Linda Colby – Director of Juvenile Court Services

Hired new employee Restorative Justice pays back cost via grant. Most detention centers and training centers are closed around the state. Hard to find placements and costs can double or triple.

Item 4: Motion to adjourn - Motion by Chapman and seconded by Golightly to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Julia Helm, Dallas County Auditor

Mark A. Hanson, Chairman